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Dennis M. Read, Jr.

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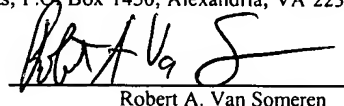
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2006, Applicant submits the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.